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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-6 and 11-14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 7-10, and 15-16 as follows: